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U.S.-Soviet 'Alliance' Is Assailed by Peking

Reuters

PEKING, Oct. 16—Communist China described the United States and the Soviet Union today as "a couple of paper tigers" and repeated its charge that they have formed an "anti-China new holy alliance."

An editorial in the official People's Daily said President Johnson's speech Oct. 7 on European policy was "one more demonstration that, in fact, a U.S.-Soviet alliance is already in existence."

The speech was "a counter-revolutionary declaration on the policy of stepping up 'peaceful evolution' for the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries, an aggressive blueprint for the U.S. to overrun the whole of Europe, a notice served on the Soviet revisionist group for an all-out and thorough capitulation, and a confession of world-wide U.S.-Soviet collusion on a big scale," the editorial said.

The editorial was signed "Observer," a pseudonym thought to be used by a high-ranking Party official.

It accused the Soviet leaders of conducting secret diplomacy with the United States, agreeing to "sell-outs" on Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, the Congo, Cyprus and Rhodesia.

Since the start of the Khrushchev period, the edi-

torial said, "the United States has no longer regarded the Soviet leading group as an enemy, but looked upon them as friends instead."

It added that President Johnson's speech demanded that Russia betray the interests of East Germany and other European Communist nations and to help the United States to stabilize the situation in Europe so that American forces can concentrate on China, Vietnam and the suppression of liberation movements in Africa and Latin America.

In other developments reported from Hong Kong:

A Radio Canton broadcast said Wang Kang, propaganda director of the Central-South China political bureau, has been dismissed for attacking the Communist Party Central Committee and opposing the leap forward. It did not specify what leap he opposed, but China is thought to be readying an economic push similar to the disastrous 1958 "Great Leap Forward."

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said in an interview published by Asia Magazine that the United States has no reason or desire to attack China. The "specter" of an inevitable American attack on China was created by the Peking leaders, he said.